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**REQUEST FOR REFUND**

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Sir:

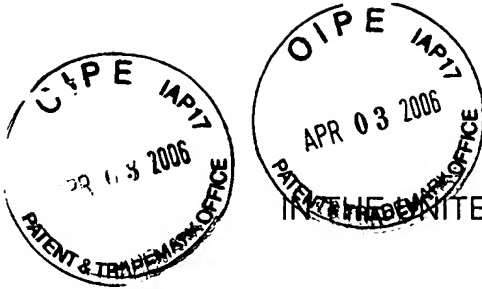
In regards to the above-referenced patent application, Applicants paid the issue fee of \$1,400 on March 7, 2006. Applicants respectfully request a refund of \$700 as Applicants are entitled to small entity status. Enclosed is a copy of a communication asserting small entity status, which is being filed simultaneously with this request.

Please credit \$700 to Deposit Account 50-0842. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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**COMMUNICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a) REGARDING IMPROPER  
PAYMENT OF FILING FEES BASED ON  
ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

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Sir:

This communication is to rectify an error in the payment of the issue fee for the above-referenced application. The issue fee was inadvertently paid in the amount for a large entity, rather than in the amount for a small entity.

Fee Description	Large Entity Fee Paid on 03/07/2006	Current Small Entity Fee	Amount to be Refunded
Issue Fee	\$1400	\$700	\$700
Publication Fee	\$300	\$300	N/A
<b>TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED</b>			<b>\$700</b>

**Applicant hereby claims small entity status** and requests a refund in the amount of \$700, which should be credited to deposit account 50-0842. A request for refund is enclosed with this communication.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.28(a), please treat this submission as notification that large entity fees were paid prior to establishing status as a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.D. Peterson', written over a horizontal line.

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